

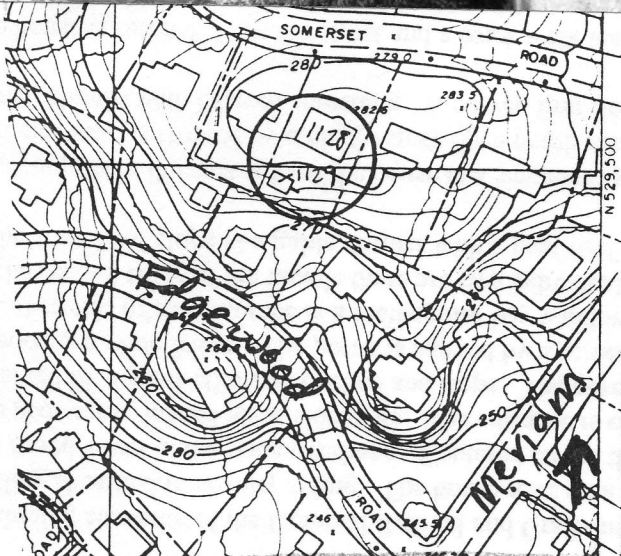
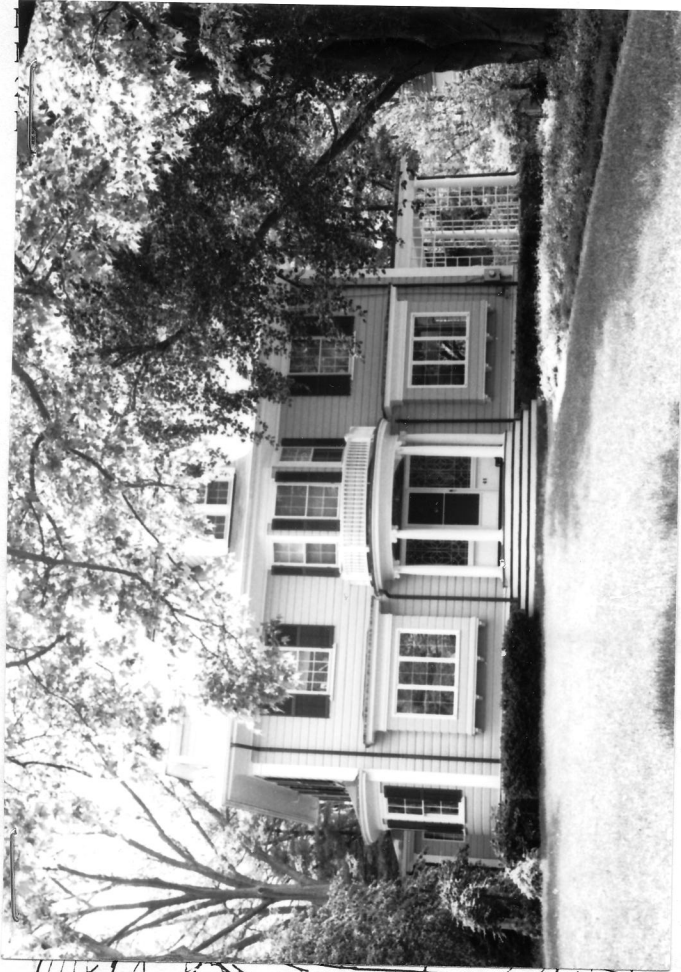
FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number  
56/98

USGS Quad  
Boston N.

Area(s)

Form Number  
1128, 1129



Town Lexington

Place (*neighborhood or village*) Upper Meriam Hill

Address 41 Somerset Road

Historic Name William and Grace Shurtleff House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1912

Source Lexington Valuation Lists

Style/Form Colonial Revival/Craftsman

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation stone

Wall/Trim novelty siding

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

garage (MHC #1129)

Major Alterations (*with dates*)

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 13,600 SF

Setting early 20th century residential neighborhood

Recorded by Lisa Mausolf

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (*month/year*) May 2000

## BUILDING FORM (41 Somerset Road)

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

Combining elements of the Colonial Revival and Craftsman styles, 41 Somerset Road (MHC #1128) is a 2 1/2-story dwelling sheathed in novelty siding. The house rests on a rubble foundation and is capped by an asphalt-shingled, hip roof with flared eaves and a wide overhang. Centered on the three-bay facade, the entrance contains a six-panel door flanked by wide geometric, leaded glass sidelights. The entrance is capped by an elongated semi-elliptical divided fanlight. The entrance is fronted by a semi-elliptical portico and steps. The porch is supported by partially fluted columns with Ionic capitals supporting a wide frieze. The porch is capped by a turned balustrade which fronts a three-sided window on the second story. On either side of the entrance is a rectangular bay window supported by brackets and containing three casement windows. On the second floor of the facade there are two individual 8/8 windows with shutters flanking the center opening. Centered on the front roof slope is a gable dormer with a pent roof. Hipped roof dormers are located on the east and west roof slopes.

Projecting from the east side of the house is a single-story projection set above a latticed airspace with a curved bay. The west elevation is fronted by a single-story open porch resting on a mortared stone foundation and supported by five Roman Doric columns with latticed screening. A curved first floor bay window is sheltered by the porch.

The house is setback from the street and a brick walk leads to the front door. A large birch tree shades the front yard. A paved driveway extends along the west side of the house terminating at a hip-roofed, 19' x 23' garage (MHC #1129) sheathed in novelty siding.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

see 60 Meriam St,  
MHC # 388

This land was originally part of the 400-acre Francis B. Hayes estate which extended from Adams and Hancock Streets to Woburn Street (the house known as Oakmount or The Castle was built in 1884 and demolished in 1941). This portion of the Hayes estate was laid out in houselots in 1912.

This house was constructed in 1912 for William and Grace Shurtleff of Revere. The 1913 Valuation list indicates that William Shurtleff was assessed for an unfinished house located on Lot C of Oakmount Park, measuring 13,600 square feet. By 1916 Shurtleff was assessed for both a house and garage. Directories state that Shurtleff had a plumbing supply business. The Shurtleffs remained in the house until the 1950s. The house was acquired by Normand and Dorothy Carter who sold it to G. Ernest and Emily Wright in 1958. The Busiek family purchased the house in 1967. The present owners bought the house in 1984 and the porch was enclosed that same year.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.

Lexington Directories, various dates.

Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*